**MTC/NSC sports awards take new dimension**

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WINDHOEK - This year’s sports awards will take a new dimension and approach that is believed to accommodate all and sundry sports pursuers.

The Mobile Telecommunication (MTC) continues to sponsor the National Sports Commission (NSC) sports awards for 2009.

Having learnt from previous mistakes, both institutions (MTC and NSC) came to realize that there is a need to revolutionize the entire system, facet and approach.

A Nomination Committee of Judges for the sports awards was established and a new system was adopted, borrowed from Botswana. Whether it will work out better or worse for Namibia it remains to be seen by the 15th October.

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There will be two world and two national titles at stake. Berthuel Tsyson-Usonha will take on Coline Mayfield from South Africa in a tussle for the Welterweight WHO Afro Interim over 12 rounds.

Namibia’s Ushona who is also known “The Unstoppable” is still unbeaten. He has a telling record of 18-18. His opponent, Mayfield who is a dethroned WBA record of 18-18. His opponent, Mayfield who is a dethroned WBA champion is still known “The Unstoppable” is known to capitalize on the advantage of his local fans. That alone will not determine who wins the fight but should go along with hard work.

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